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SUBJ: NORTHROP APPROACH TO TURKISH AIR FORCE ON F-18L AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 49321 (DTG 250047Z FEB 78)

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED FROM DISCO/COLUMBUS THAT NORTHROP REPRESENTATIVE MAY HOLD DISCUSSION WITH TURKISH AIR FORCE IN NEAR FUTURE ON POSSIBLE F-18L PROCUREMENT. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DISCO INDICATES NORTHROP REP HAS SUBMITTED VISIT CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR TURKEY FOR ONE YEAR BEGINNING MAY 15, 1978.

2. MISSION HAS NOT HAD PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH NORTHROP ON F-18L AIRCRAFT NOR HAVE THERE BEEN ANY INDICATIONS FROM THE TURKS OF THEIR INTEREST IN THIS AIRCRAFT. DISCO ALSO INDICATES NORTHROP MAY APPROACH GREEKS REGARDING F-18L PROCUREMENT IN SAME TIME FRAME INDICATED ABOVE.

3. IF WE ARE CONTACTED BY NORTHROP REGARDING F-18L DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKS, WE RECOMMEND THAT EVEN-HANDED APPROACH BE APPLIED AS IN CASE OF RECENT GENERAL DYNAMICS EFFORTS TO SELL F-16 AIRCRAFT TO BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY. SPECIFICALLY, PUR-
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SUANT TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTTEL, WE WOULD NOT FACILITATE NORTHROP CONTACTS WITH TURKS BUT, IF AND WHEN NORTHROP REPS COME TO ANKARA, WE PROPOSE TO MEET WITH THEM ON NON-PREJUDICIAL BASIS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON'S COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NORTHROP SALES EFFORT ON F-18L'S FOR GREECE AND

TURKEY. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT MUNITIONS
CONTROL LICENSE HAS BEEN GRANTED TO NORTHROP FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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